

I am writing to voice my opposition to relaxing the broadcast ownership rules.

In my area, ClearChannel already owns 10 radio stations, and I've seen the quality of local programming depreciate. With the Clear Channel purchase on 98.1, the local morning radio show was temporarily replaced by a national pre-recorded show. The syndicated show may have been cheaper for ClearChannel, but didn't represent the community. Relaxing of the ownership rules doesn't appear to benefit the public, but only the media corporations. As a minority, I would like to see more diversity in media, and media ownership. I have yet to see any information from the FCC on how easing media ownership will address this issue.

This is from the ClearChannel website: "Clear Channel Radio, which daily reaches 54% of all people ages 18-49 in the U.S., realigned into eight geographical divisions in 2001." How much subsidizing does Clear Channel and other media conglomerates need?

Sincerely,
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